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Marginal Column

By HENRY LAQUEUR

FOUR columns, five columns, six columns: Byroade, Byroade, Byroade. A new best-seller: "The Power of Positive Thinking." "A House is not a Home," and now "The Complete Historical Essays of Henry Byroade" together with lengthy and absolutely convincing refutations that Mr. Byroade is not, repeat not, a Zionist. Newsprint is scarce, the Israel press has to make ends meet on four pages but there are no such limitations for Mr. Byroade and those replying to him. The Communists are in a sore dilemma, too. Here at least is a progressive leader who favours all their proposals of yesterday and today: that Israel should give up part of her territory, that she should receive back Arab refugees and pay substantial idemnification and stop or limit immigration — and they cannot even say: *Brutissimo!* A crazy world this.

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SOME people appear to think it is good policy each week to forward at least two or three major complaints to the U.N. or the powers, while others believe those practices to be disastrous in the long run, as they will antagonise friends and lessen still further the sympathetic interest that exists. One cannot in all fairness expect even the friends of Israel to get excited several times a week, and one cannot hope for a big and sustained effort in a case of real importance or in an emergency if so much of the goodwill and the readiness to help is squandered on minor occasions. And Mr. Byroade's speech, when all is said and done, does appear to belong in this category: there are more urgent tasks ahead than entering into an abstract debate with Mr. Byroade on the principles of Zionism. Such reaction dates back to the time of the Mandate when great importance had to be attributed to every single speech or newspaper article in London and New York and great excitement was caused thereby. But in the meantime the State has come into existence and perhaps one should try to rid oneself of the customs of that period. One cannot unmake a State by speeches. Let Byroade talk.

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AUTHORITATIVE observers of the Washington scene say that the atmosphere prevailing there is ugly. This trend has been expected for very long, though American policy is, of course, far from monolithic, and modifications are possible and even probable. It would be wrong, however, to expect a basic change. While the Russians are wooing the Arab League Governments, this compulsion to compete may not be the sole motive underlying present U.S. Middle Eastern policy, but it surely is by far the most important one. To utter dire neutralistic threats in these circumstances would be childish; it is impossible politically and, moreover, would create the highly unfortunate impression that the attachment of this country to Western democracy and values depends on, or can in any way be affected by the speeches or actions of Mr Henry Byroade. Nor will it be possible to prevent arms supplies to Iraq while the cold war goes on and Arab Governments, however shaky, can be found who are keen on these weapons. Protests on the futility of arming the Arab countries in present conditions are necessary, to be sure, though there can be few illusions as to their efficacy. If support can be enlisted it should be in the direction of ensuring similar supplies simultaneously to Israel. On this issue a strong case could be made even in present-day Washington, and it is on this ground that the main stand should be made. President Eisenhower may forget once or twice about supplies to Israel but he will find it more difficult to make amnesia a policy.

Jerusalem, May 4.

Vietminh Delegation En Route to Geneva

GENEVA, Monday (Reuter). — Moscow Radio reported tonight that a Vietminh delegation had passed through Moscow on its way to the Geneva conference. The delegation is expected here tomorrow.

The Moscow announcement followed shortly on an agreement between France and the Soviet Union here on the composition of the conference on Indo-China. Besides these two powers, the countries attending will be Britain, the U.S., China, the three Associated States of Indo-China and the Government headed by Ho Chi Minh.

Later, a Soviet spokesman said that the Soviet Union and China had jointly invited the Vietminh regime to attend the Indo-China talks.

Letter Handed Over

On the other side, a letter signed by the three Western Foreign Ministers was handed to the Vietnam Foreign Minister today asking his Government to send delegates here quickly. The letter was delivered after Vietnam's Foreign Minister, Nguyen Quoc Dinh, had announced its readiness to take part in the talks along with representatives of Vietminh, with the reservation that this does not imply Vietnam's recognition of this Government as legal.

Talks on Indo-China are expected to begin here this week. Preparations are already being made in the Palace of Nations to start the conference in a room separate from that in which the 19-nation conference on Korea is being held.

(Reuter, UP)

Vietminh Pressure On Dien Bien Phu Eases

HANOI, Monday (Reuter). — The Vietminh troops besieging Dien Bien Phu failed to sustain their third assault last night.

The French High Command, announcing this today, said that the "extremely heavy losses" suffered by the Vietminh rebels when they reopened the battle on Saturday night accounted for their failure to renew their heavy attacks.

But a French military spokesman stated that the next assault might come tonight or in four or five days' time, when Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap had trained his troops in the moves to make in the next battle.

The besiegers are burrowing a network of trenches closer to the defenders in preparation for the new onslaught.

Heavy Vietminh Losses

The spokesman added that the French Union garrison was able to rest and reorganize itself and to receive "heavy" munition supplies by air during Sunday. He believed that the Vietminh themselves were having to reorganize because of their "extremely heavy losses" on Saturday.

Only light shelling was directed at the defenders last night and was mainly concentrated on "Isabelle," the isolated southern bastion where the French had lost and then recovered ground.

Vietminh Radio broadcast today that, following Saturday night's attack, the Vietminh troops were now threatening the French artillery sector and were "roughly 500 metres from the French headquarters."

No Decision on Asia Without Asians—Nehru

MADRAS, Monday (Reuter). — The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, stated here today that the recent Colombo conference of Asian Premiers had demonstrated to the world that no decision on Asia should be taken without reference to the Asian nations.

He said that India recognized that the great countries of Europe and America were intimately concerned with the vital developments directed towards world peace, but they had to realize that Asians were equally concerned in these matters — in fact a little more — if they pertained to Asia.

Mr. Nehru was passing through Madras on his way back to Delhi from Colombo.

Chou Calls for Return Of 48,000 PoW's

GENEVA, Monday. — Mr. Chou En-lai, the Chinese Foreign Minister, today charged the U.S. and South Korea with forcibly retaining more than 48,000 North Korean and Chinese prisoners of war.

Addressing the conference on Korea, Mr. Chou outlined a three-point plan for the return of the prisoners which was immediately rejected by the U.S. as "not worth consideration even for a moment."

The Chinese Minister alleged that more than 27,000 North Korean and Chinese prisoners were forcibly retained by South Korea "with the connivance of the U.S." starting on June 18, 1953, and were "impressed into the South Korean army." He also charged that the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission had handed over to the U.S. side more than 21,000 North Korean and Chinese prisoners on January 20 and 21 last. Both acts, he said, were serious violations of the Geneva Convention and the Korean Armistice Agreement.

Rejects U.N. Supervision

For the second time during the conference, Mr. Chou supported North Korea's plan for a Korean settlement based on an all-Korean commission to prepare elections throughout the country and the withdrawal of all foreign troops within six months. He flatly rejected U.N. supervision of these elections, and said that China was willing to join other states in undertaking not to interfere in Korea's internal affairs.

Speaking first at today's session, the South Korean Foreign Minister, Pyun Young Tai, stated that South Korea was "impatient with the half-measures adopted by the U.S. in forming a defensive and not an offensive anti-Communist bloc in Asia." He categorically opposed North Korea's unification plan.

North Korea's Foreign Minister, Gen. Nam Il, again put forward his plan for elections to be arranged by an all-Korean commission, on a 50-50 basis. He did not explain how the problem of South Korea's greater population would be overcome in the commission.

Foreign Minister Stephanos Stephanopoulos of Greece, who followed Nam Il, said that the North Korean plan did not merit serious consideration.

The session adjourned until tomorrow.

(UP, Reuter)

Britain Charges Korea Investigation Blocked

LONDON, Monday (UP). — Britain charged today that the Czechoslovak and Polish delegates of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission in Korea had blocked the investigation of a report that the North Koreans were forcibly holding South Korean war prisoners, illegally drafted into the Northern army.

The British charges, made by the Minister of State, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, in a written parliamentary reply, coincided with the claim by the Chinese Premier, Mr. Chou En-lai, at Geneva that the U.S. and South Korea were forcibly retaining more than 48,000 North Korean and Chinese prisoners.

Reports of Dulles' Resignation Denied

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter). — A State Department spokesman said "there is not a word of truth" in reports that Secretary of State Dulles would resign on his return to Washington from the Geneva conference.

The reports stated that Mr. Dulles was not in agreement with President Eisenhower over policy towards the Communists in Indo-China. The State Department spokesman added, "There is complete agreement between the President and the Secretary. Mr. Dulles is not coming home to resign."

Meanwhile, Mr. Dulles stopped in Milan today and conferred with Prime Minister Mario Scelba.

Italian political quarters had no doubt that their talks mainly concerned the unresolved dispute between Italy and Yugoslavia over control of Trieste, and Italian ratification of the European Defence Community treaty now before Parliament.

Israel Draws, 0-0, In N. Rhodesia

N'DOLA, Northern Rhodesia, Monday (Reuter). — The touring Israel soccer team was held to a scoreless draw here today by Northern Rhodesia.

Both teams wasted several scoring opportunities from easy positions.

Security Council Falls Back On Brazil's Proposal

UNITED NATIONS, Monday (UP). — The Security Council met today for the fifth time in less than a month to attempt to find a formula for putting on its agenda the "Palestine question" arising from Israel and Jordan complaints.

Sir Pierson Dixon of Britain took over as Council President for May, succeeding Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky of Russia.

The Council bogged down immediately in a procedural discussion over the British proposal, made at the last meeting, to add to the still unapproved agenda a general discussion of Israel-Jordan Armistice problems.

Sir Pierson said that he would not press this proposal formally unless there was general approval, and he agreed to withdraw it after the Lebanon's Charles Malik had announced his categorical opposition. The French and Turkish delegates also suggested that the British proposal be withdrawn and that the Council start again "from where we were before."

Vyshinsky Critical

This left the Council faced with the original Brazilian proposal calling for the adoption of a provisional agenda followed by a general debate, without committing the delegates to the separate or joint character of any resolution.

Mr. Vyshinsky criticized the French and Turkish delegates for attacking Mr. Malik's objections, contending that they had implied that the Lebanon was opposed to any compromise. In Russia's view, Mr. Malik's opposition was directed only against "the form of the British proposal."

He reiterated that a general debate would not fit into the question at this time, that the Council would be ill-advised to start it now, and suggested that a general debate might be scheduled apart from the current Israel and Jordan complaints.

The Soviet delegate stated that "these regrettable incidents incursions and killings should not be smothered in a general discussion."

Malik Hits West

Malik criticized the Western powers for allegedly failing to move "one iota" from the "zero" of their original position and declared that he would oppose the Brazilian proposal. "I do not believe it helps me in my position in the least," he added.

Mr. Couthier (Brazil) replied: "I believe we have all moved as much as Dr. Malik from zero, and for this reason our proposal stands as submitted to the Council."

The U.S. delegate, Mr. James Wadsworth, urged the Council to take a decision tonight on the Brazilian proposal. He said the representative of Jordan had made five trips from Washington in the hope of representing his case on the Nahalin incident and that Israel delegates have also attended each meeting in the same hope.

If the Brazilian proposal were

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Syria Complains to UN Over Border Incident

UNITED NATIONS, Monday (INA). — The Syrian delegation submitted a complaint to the president of the Security Council today that Israel representatives refused to attend a MAC meeting dealing with an alleged attack in the demilitarized zone.

Rafik Asha, the Syrian representative, claimed that on April 26 Israel armed forces killed two Arab civilians and wounded a third in the Shamalna sector of the demilitarized zone on the Syrian frontier. He said that a meeting of the MAC to consider this was called for April 30. The Syrians arrived but the Israelis refused to attend, saying that the MAC was not competent to discuss matters pertaining to the demilitarized zone.

Asha added that the MAC chairman agreed to hold a meeting but stated that it must be confined merely to the adoption of the agenda. The Syrian delegation asserted that this was contrary to the provisions of the Armistice Agreement.

The Syrian complaint to the Security Council is merely "for the information of the delegations," and did not request specific action by the Council.

Bennike Leaves For Damascus

General Vagn Bennike, Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization, left for Damascus yesterday, presumably to discuss procedural issues arising from Syria's complaint that Israelis killed two Arabs near Shamalna, where the Jordan flows into Lake Kinneret, last Monday.

General Bennike is to visit Beirut today before returning to Jerusalem.

US Arms Aid to Arabs Asked of House Body

WASHINGTON, Monday (INA). — Recommendations urging military aid to the Arab states were made to the House Foreign Affairs Committee at a secret session today.

Among those who testified were the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Henry Byroade, the Director of U.S. Military Assistance, Major-General George Stewart, and the Near East Regional Director of the Foreign Operations Administration, Mr. Norman Parl.

The press and public were barred from the hearing on security grounds.

Saud to Ask Moslem Aid for 'Palestine'

KARACHI, Monday (Reuter). — King Saud of Saudi Arabia has called a conference of Moslem countries to consider providing military aid to Arab forces in the "Palestine" area, the Saudi Arabian Minister here announced today.

The Minister, Abdul Hamid al Khatib, said that the conference would consider providing military aid to Arab forces "fighting for Palestine."

He added that the conference would be held in the Old City of Jerusalem but no date had yet been fixed for the meeting.

The conference would also consider the whole "Palestine issue" and aim at uniting the entire Moslem world on the problem.

Abdul Khatib, who was speaking at a reception he gave to some prominent Arabs touring Pakistan to raise support for "Palestine," said that Israel endangered the Holy Places of Islam and it was the responsibility of the Moslem world to defend them. Any contribution to the cause would amount to a "Jehad" (holy war), he declared. If Moslems in distant places could not fight on land, they could contribute financially.

Official comment on the Saudi Arabian Minister's announcement was not available here tonight.

Diplomatic sources recalled a recent statement by the Pakistan Foreign Minister, Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, calling for a conference of Moslem countries on "Palestine."

Saudi Arabia Denies U.S. Arms Requested

BAGHDAD, Monday (Reuter). — Saudi Arabia has not asked the United States for military aid, the Saudi Arabian Legation stated here tonight.

A statement issued by the Legation said, "Reports circulated here and abroad claiming that Saudi Arabia has asked the U.S. Government for military aid similar to that granted to Iraq were unfounded and untrue.

"The Saudi Arabian Government has never asked for such aid and will not join any pact which may affect her independence, national aspirations and sovereignty. Pacts it may join must be within the framework of the Arab League charter only."

HERUT ASKS DEBATE ON US ARMS TO IRAQ

The Herut Party has telegraphed to the Knesset Speaker requesting that when it reconvenes next Monday, the Knesset give immediate attention to the questions of "American arms for Israel's enemies" and "the Byroade speeches."

Export Policies Under Review

The encouragement of exports and the policy of commercial agreements were discussed at yesterday's meeting of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council in Jerusalem. The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. P. Naphtali, and the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. P. Bernstein, were present.

Mr. Bernstein, who opened the session with an elaborate survey of problems connected with the encouragement of exports, emphasized the necessity to reduce as soon as possible our economic dependence upon imported manufactures and called for a greater effort to increase the variety of our exports.

He also surveyed the structure and principles of the commercial agreements with foreign countries.

Among the proposals made was one stressing the need for greater quality control of products in order to increase their competitiveness. Another proposal asked for more active help from the Government in the search for foreign markets. The Government was requested to facilitate the grant of bank credits for producers dealing in export items.

The Council chose a subcommittee composed of Messrs. S. Goren, chairman; J. Efter, B. Linn, A. Kahana, H. Moller, A. Bahir, Y. Trubovitz and A. Mazur, to examine the various proposals and to report back to the Council with recommendations and suggestions of its own.

Enthusiastic Malta Welcome for Queen

VALETTA, Malta, Monday (UP). — Tens of thousands of Maltese gave Queen Elizabeth one of the most enthusiastic welcomes of her world tour when she stepped ashore here today.

Israel Gov't Hits Byroade's 'Unjustified Interference'

New Jordan Cabinet Formed

Tewfik Abu'l Huda, veteran Jordan Premier who has headed about a dozen cabinets during the past decades, formed his new Government last night.

All but two of the Ministers are "old timers" who served in the last Abu'l Huda Cabinet last year before it was forced out of office after charges of corruption by the "younger generation" headed by Fawzi el Mulki.

A notable exception is the new Foreign Minister, Jamal Toukan, who has not served in any previous Cabinet. Toukan was a District Officer in Jerusalem during the Mandate, and subsequently occupied a similar post in the Old City. His last post was Jordan Minister to the Lebanon.

Abu'l Huda

Anwar Nuseibeh, a Jerusalem lawyer who once occupied a leading position in the pro-Mufti Arab Defence Committee, will again serve as Minister of Defence and Education.

Other members of the Cabinet are: Hashem el Jayussi — Interior; Abdurrahman Khalifa — Finance; Khulussi Kheiry — Commerce; Saba Akasheh — Justice; Dr. Jamil Futunji — Health, and Ahmed Tarawni — Agriculture.

According to a *Reuter* despatch, the new Cabinet will be sworn in tomorrow, whereas Ramallah Radio last night reported that the Cabinet negotiations had not yet been concluded.

Not a single member of the outgoing Cabinet of Fawzi el Mulki is included in the new Government.

(Reuter, ANA)

Israel-Jordan Talks Considered — Lloyd

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, told the Commons today that he did not exclude high-level talks between Israel and Jordan as a means of reducing tension on their frontier.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, a former Labour Minister, had suggested that Britain should propose to the Security Council that the Governments of Israel and Jordan should be invited to hold high-level talks on the basis of their existing Armistice Agreement.

Mr. Lloyd replied that there were various ways of reducing tension on the frontier and he did not exclude Mr. Henderson's suggestion.

Mr. Lloyd also said that he would bear in mind another suggestion by Mr. Henderson that the number of U.N. Observers on the Israel-Jordan and Israel-Syria borders should be substantially increased. The number had risen from 19 to 32 since last June but it might well be that a still larger number was desirable, he added.

More Observation

Mr. Henderson asked if a more extended system of observation both from the ground and the air might enable a clearer assessment to be made of the responsibility for the continued border incidents. It might even help to reduce them, he added.

Mr. Lloyd replied that the Government had long considered there was a great deal in that view.

Mr. Thomas Reid (Labour) asked what specific arrangements for defence arising out of the Anglo-Jordan treaty had recently been entered into with Jordan.

Mr. Lloyd replied, "In accordance with the Anglo-Jordan treaty alliance of 1948, the British Government and the Jordan Government consult regularly together about common defence interests. These consultations take place through the Anglo-Jordanian joint defence board, which met last month at Amman. You will not expect details of the plans discussed."

Nothing More to Add

Mr. Reid enquired if Mr. Lloyd had seen a statement by the Jordan Government, the gist of which was that whatever war the Jordan Government undertook, including a war against Israel, Britain would join Jordan.

Mr. Lloyd answered that the Foreign Secretary had dealt with that in a recent answer, and he had nothing to add to it.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden, replying to a Commons question about British commitments under the treaty of 1948, said on March 31 that under the treaty Britain was obliged, as a measure of collective defence, to come immediately to the aid of Jordan should she become engaged in war. This obligation was subject to the duties of the parties to seek peaceful settlement of their disputes, and was subject also to Britain's obligations under the Charter of the U.N., he added.

Strong 'Quake Registered In Dodecanese Area

ATHENS, Monday (Reuter). — The observatory here tonight announced that a strong earthquake had been registered in the Dodecanese Islands area this afternoon.

The Observatory said that the island of Karpathos was shaken, and that the shock was felt lightly on Rhodes.

In Geneva, meanwhile, the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, told the Greek Foreign Minister, Mr. Stephanopoulos before his departure that the victims of last Friday's Greek earthquakes had been declared "refugees" within the terms of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. (Under this act refugees can obtain immigration visas to the U.S. outside the regular quotas.)

UK Note Not Cause Of Mulki's Fall

LONDON, Monday (INA). — Information received by the Foreign Office shows that Mulki's Cabinet resigned on an issue of internal policy and not because of a British memorandum on "Palestine" issues, it was officially indicated here this afternoon.

It was learned that the memorandum, handed over two or three days ago by the British Charge d'Affaires in Amman, merely repeated the theme of previously expressed British views — that Jordan should meet with Israel under Article XII of the Armistice as is obligatory, and that the Security Council should consider the whole "Palestine problem."

The memorandum was prepared by the British Embassy in Amman and was designed to make the British position clear in the light of the resumption of Security Council discussions.

It is also believed that a British memorandum was delivered to the Israel Government within the past week stressing the belief that Israel should return to the Mixed Armistice Commission.

Official sources stress that Britain has done nothing that could embarrass the Jordan Cabinet to the point of resignation.

The British Ambassador in Amman, Mr. Geoffrey Furlonge, is now on his way home.

Immigration Internal Affair, US Told

"The Government of Israel regards the passage on immigration in the address made by the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State as an unjustified interference in matters which are purely Israel's own concern, subject entirely to her own sovereign judgment."

This statement was made yesterday by the Director General of the Foreign Ministry to the U.S. Chargé d'Affaires, on the instruction of the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister following Sunday's Cabinet meeting.

The statement continues, "The right of every Jew to immigrate to Israel is a fundamental principle of Israel policy and legislation. The Government deeply regrets the attempt made by an official spokesman of the U.S. Government to dispute that principle. This is liable to impose a severe strain on Israel-American friendship."

Three Syrian Parties Agree to Merge

The leaders of the Syrian "Socialist" and El Ba'ath parties have agreed with the Lebanese leftist leader, Kamal Jumblat, to merge their three parties into one.

The decision was adopted following a meeting of party leaders at Shtura, in the Lebanon, on Sunday, NEABS reported.

According to an ANA report from Damascus, seven people were seriously injured in a clash between members of the Syrian Populist Party and supporters of the exiled dictator General Shishakly at Mushtaba, near Homs, on Sunday. Fourteen persons were detained.

The Deputy Secretary-General of the Arab League, Ahmed Shukeiri, who arrived in Damascus on Sunday, met the Syrian President, Hashem el Atassi, the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister yesterday. The main object of Shukeiri's visit to Arab capitals is to exchange views on Israel "aggression" and the latest developments of the "Palestine problem," ANA said.

Iraqi General Elections Fixed for June 9

BAGHDAD, Monday.— The Iraqi caretaker Government of Senator Arshad el Umari announced today that general elections would be held on June 9. The conduct of the elections is the main task of the new Premier, who dissolved the Chamber of Deputies last week.

Ex-Premier Nuri a Said's Constitutional Unionist Party which has controlled almost every Iraqi Parliament, and the National Socialist Party led by another ex-Premier, Saleh Jabr, have already announced that they will participate in the elections, but two other groups, the Istiklal and National Democratic parties may boycott the polls, charging that Arshad el Umari is not neutral but a tool of Nuri es Said.

(UP, NEABS)

Turkish Gov't Party Retains Power

ISTANBUL, Monday. — The Democratic Party of Prime Minister Adnan Menderes has won a landslide victory in the Turkish general elections. Owing to the complicated electoral system, the final results and the distribution of seats in the National Assembly will not be known for several days, but the Democrats claim to have carried 60 of the country's 64 constituencies.

This would give them more than 500 of the 541 seats in the Assembly.

The main opposition group, the Republican People's Party, the original Party of Kemal Ataturk which ruled the country for 27 years until 1950, is expected to receive about 35 seats. Of the opposition leaders, only ex-President Ismet Inonu was re-elected to Parliament.

Two small splinter groups — the extreme rightist Republican Nationalist Party and the Peasants Party — may not receive more than a couple of seats — if any.

About 80% of the electorate went to the polls. The two main parties are both conservative groups, but since their ascent to power the Democrats have followed a more liberal policy — particularly with regard to minorities, including the Jewish community.

(Reuter, UP)

Food Bill Cut.

The foreign currency food budget will be $47m. this year, compared with $54m. for the preceding fiscal year. Increased local production and the receipt of American surplus foods enable the dollar cut, while increasing nutritional standards, informed sources in the Capital reveal.

In addition, $12.6m. will be spent on fodder, enabling increase in the production of poultry and eggs, designed to eliminate the "free" egg market.

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Social & Personal

The President yesterday received Mr. A. Abramov, the Soviet Minister. On Saturday evening, Mr. Ben-Zvi received the Greek Deputy Minister for Naval Defence, Mr. Spirido Georgoulis, who was accompanied by a representative of the Greek Diplomatic Mission.

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The Finance Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol, yesterday received Mr. George S. Buchanan, Vice-President of the Huskey Oil Company, Mr. Salem Lewis, of Bear, Stearns and Co., and Mr. Raymond Kravis, a consultant geologist of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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Dr. Y. Wolfsberg, member of the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod, has returned from a trip to Europe on behalf of the Jewish Agency's Department of Religious Education in the Diaspora.

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Mr. Charles Proust, of the U.S., accompanied by Mrs. Chava Eliachar, Mr. Chai Eliachar, and Mr. Eliahu Eliachar, M.K., Deputy-Mayor of Jerusalem, visited the Alliance High School, Jerusalem, last Friday, April 30. The guests spoke with students in their classrooms and workshops. They also inspected the school's production of machinery and tools. Mr. Proust is to give the school two scholarships of six months of advanced studies in the U.S. for outstanding pupils graduating this year. He is also to donate machinery and material for the school's workshop.

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Three American newspapermen, Mr. J. Kerney, editor of the "Trenton Times" (New Jersey), Mr. J. P. Harris, editor and publisher of the "News - Herald" G. Low, publisher of the "Patriot-Ledger" (Quincy, Mass.) arrived yesterday through Mandelbaum Gate on a tour of the Middle East. They are to spend a week in the country and are staying at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem.

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Mr. George Fitch and Mr. D. Hill, of the British Board of Trade, arrived by El Al yesterday from Istanbul on a short private visit.

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Dr. and Mrs. Ignacio Bauer, of Basle, are in Israel (their fourth visit) to attend the Sephardi World Congress opening in Jerusalem on May 9.

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Dr. Paul Weiss, Professor of Philosophy at Yale University, is to deliver the second of two Orde Wingate Memorial Lectures (third series) on "Guilt, God and Perfection," at 8.30 this evening at the Ratisbonne Building (Hall 73), Jerusalem. The public is invited.

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The Daniel Bukstein Scholarship, which was established at the Hebrew University by the Bukstein family of Tel Aviv, in memory of their son, a member of the Israel Air Force who fell in the War of Independence, will be awarded in the presence of the family at 1 p.m. today at the Faculty of Science (Room 3, fourth storey), Mamilla Road, Jerusalem. Teachers and students of mathematics, physics and chemistry are invited.

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MEMORIAL MEETING

A memorial meeting for Dr. Shmuel Ben-Shabetai will take place at 7 p.m. this evening at Shaarei Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem, on the 30th day of his death.

PAKISTAN PREMIER TO VISIT SUDAN

KARACHI, Monday (Reuter). — The Pakistani Premier, Mohammed Ali, has accepted an invitation to visit the Sudan. It was announced here. No date has yet been fixed for the visit.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 2, 4.30 & 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: The Blazing Forest.
EDEN: Julius Caesar, 2nd week.
EDISON: The Glenn Miller Story.
ORGIL: Operation Secret.
ORION: Duel in the Sun.
ORNA: Fort Algiers.
STUDIO: Madame Do...
ZION: Road to Bali.

Yesterday's Press:

Dangerous Trend in US Policy Indicated by Byroade Speech

Some newspapers again comment on the Byroade speech. "Davar" (Histadrut) points out that the world is moving and so is Mr. Byroade — in a dangerous direction at that. According to his logic the Arab states (such as Iraq) having received American arms should feel more secure, less endangered, readier to make peace with Israel... Since the opposite has taken place, Mr. Byroade's logic leads him to another proposal: to stop or to limit Jewish immigration. Of course the fears of the Arabs will be allayed altogether upon the disappearance of Israel. One by one, America is apparently repeating all the mistakes of the British. "Zmanim" (Progressive) also compares Byroade with the late Ernest Bevin, and assumes he must have taken over his "ideological superstructure" from the Communists. The paper demands a government statement about the Byroade speech, which has made a very bad impression on the citizens of this country.

Were the Soviet Union to let the Russian Jews leave, argues "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam), it would do so not to create more anarchy in the Middle East (as argued by Byroade) but "in accordance with the principle of national self-determination." And if Jewish immigration indeed causes anxiety among the Arab rulers, does not the existence of 40 million Arabs give this side cause for concern? Mr. Byroade should advise them to limit their high birthrate.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) does not agree with the various Byroade theses, but feels that not everyone who disagrees with us is an anti-Semite or anti-Israel by virtue of this. The Arabs are indeed afraid, and had Mr. Byroade tendered some realistic and tangible proposal to re-assure them, we would have to consider his advice seriously. The paper criticises the first reactions of the Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman and is concerned with preserving our relations with the U.S.

"Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) on the other hand, does not believe the Arabs fear Israel, and thinks this a mere propaganda slogan which has been adopted unthinkingly by Mr. Byroade. It is tantamount to encouraging Arab aggression and emanates from a sub-conscious resistance in some Western circles to the existence of Israel.

"Hamodia" (Agudat Yisrael) also thinks that Mr. Byroade has adopted an Arab slogan under the cloak of objectivity. "Herut" demands that a state of national emergency be declared. It charges the Foreign Minister (as usual) with giving the "green light" to the State Department for lack of any firm line of its own.

AT THE CINEMA

WE'LL never forget the thrill we felt when we first met Glenn Miller and his orchestra on the screen. It was in 1941, in "Sun Valley Serenade," after which "Orchestra Wives" in 1944 was equally electrifying.

"The Glenn Miller Story" (at the Edison, J'lem) on the wide vision screen with stereophonic sound, is the biography of that "swing" man, whose disappearance was as untimely as Bix Beiderbecke's ("Young Man With a Horn"). James Stewart gives a convincing and sympathetic portrait of the bandleader, his trials and tribulations, his dreams of a novel and striking arrangement for an orchestra of five trombones, clarinet, and five saxophones. June Allyson acts convincingly as Glenn's wife.

The whole first half goes somewhat slow, without much action, but the second part decidedly draws up in tempo and dramatic accents as Glenn Miller rebuilds his band during World War II to go "over there," touring the camps and hospitals.

The cast includes such great guest stars, as Louis Armstrong, Gene Krupa, and Ben Pollack. Quite a jazz-requiem.

FRANGO

All About Forestry

"BLAZING Forest" (Paramount, Arnon, J'lem) is a most instructive documentary about forestry and the fighting of forest fires with a slight love interest superimposed. All the heavy equipment used by the lumberjacks (except the helicopter), looks familiar to us which gives the most assuring feeling that we really have the most expensive and up-to-date machinery in the Negev.

Of the seven items in last week's Geva newsreel, five were obvious paid propaganda. This is too much. Mr. Bernstein, inspecting factories, is already as popular with cinema fans as the ever recurrent girl from the National lottery. This week's Carmel newsreel consists exclusively of openings and foundation stones, with the Rothschild funeral as the only redeeming feature. Does nothing else really happen in this country?

Th.F.M.

Improvisations on Paris

ALTHOUGH you may never have been to Paris, you will know it by heart after spending four hours on Saturday night seeing "Sous le ciel de Paris" at the Armon David in Tel Aviv and "Act of Love" at the Migdalor. Both films show Paris as a city of fate, where alluring crossroads lead men and women to unknown passions and death.

In "Sous le ciel de Paris," Julien Duvivier, fervent and experienced poet of the French film, assembles a number of Paris characters of various ages and social positions one promising morning at six. When we take leave of them 14 hours later, some have started wonderful careers, others have found happiness. The rest are dead.

The film is an interesting, although somewhat sketchy improvisation, but unnatural accidents give the end an unexpected dramatic flourish. The marvellously photographed heart-operation presents an over-dramatic incident which does not really fit into the story's pattern. The performances of Brigitte Auber, Jean Brochard, Rene Blanchard and Paul Frankeur are of high standard.

"Act of Love," Irving Shaw's story of a G.I. in war-battered Paris who meets a young girl whom he wants to marry, is also packed with incredible accidents. Here, too, Paris is most gracefully pictured; the story, however, is too conventional to provoke any deep interest, and while Duvivier's improvisations appeared to be an expression of style, those of "Act of Love" are merely proof of superficiality in script and direction. Kirk Douglas is quite refreshing in the role of the G.I., and so is a newcomer, Dany Robin.

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ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 39.5, 41.9 & 223 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 6.15 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.00 "Music at Noon" (R). 12.20 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Light Music (R). 1.45 Break for Music (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Hospitals. 4.45 Light Music (R). 5.30 Agricultural Programme. 5.50 Language Corner. 6.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Haifa Programme. 7.35 Broadcast by Parents of War Victims. 7.35 Zahal Programme. 8.45 Memorial to Fallen Soldiers. 9.15 Israel Philharmonic Orchestra of Tel Aviv Chamber Choir. Conductor: Eitan Lustig. Soloist: Lotte Laufer. Beazel Heart: "Requiem" (Brahms). 10.20 Songs of the War of Liberation. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME (49.6, 31.55, 41.8 & 42.9 M.)

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.50 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (31.2, 34.9 & 480 M.). 6.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. French: 6.30 p.m. Ladino: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.1 M.) 11.15 News. 11.35 Names in the News. 11.50 Independence Symphony (Lavry).

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 238 & 239 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 "Bow and Arrow". 7.00 Music. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Light Music. 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.05 News. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (24.96; 24.92; 30.53; 30.90 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News: News Talk; VOICE OF AMERICA English Broadcasts: (16.9, 19.6, 41.4 M.): 5.00-5.30 p.m. Repeated at 8.00-8.30 p.m. on 25.6 & 31.2 M.

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Milhaud Coming To Oratorio's Premiere

The eminent French composer, M. Darius Milhaud, is to attend the world premiere of his oratorio "David" in Jerusalem on June 1. The performance crowns the Month of Israel and Jewish Music which opens on Independence night, the Israel Composers Union and the World Centre of Jewish Music have announced.

Over 150 concerts, recitals, ballet and chamber music performances are on the programme. The Music Month represents the first chance of many young composers — both here and abroad — to hear their works played.

Mr. Marc Lavry told the press yesterday that local performances of music by Jewish composers in Russia, the U.S., Sweden and many other countries, would strengthen cultural bonds with the Diaspora. Kol Yisrael and Kol Zion Lagolah are devoting a major part of their programmes from May 6 to June 6 to featuring national music of every kind: Oriental dances, folk-songs, hassanut, and the creations of Israel composers.

Mr. Y. Tal, who recently introduced Israel compositions to audiences abroad, will lecture on Jewish and national music at the Conservatoire in Jerusalem, and to other music students.

The Tel Aviv Museum and ZOA House have arranged several concerts within the frame of Music Month.

The organizers of the Month are not of the opinion that the Festival of Contemporary Music, which begins in Haifa on May 30, would detract interest from their programmes. In fact, they consider that having two musical events so close to each other would be mutually beneficial.

BARKATT TO ATTEND SOCIALIST INT'L BUREAU

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Mr. Reuven Barkatt, of the Mapai Central Committee, is leaving for Vienna tomorrow to attend the meeting of the Executive Bureau of the Socialist International on May 6. He will later take part in the meeting of the Socialist International Council in the same city.

SERLIN IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Monday (UP). — The Israel Minister of Health, Mr. Joseph Serlin, arrived yesterday for a brief visit to Argentina as a guest of the Government.

Threat to Freedom Grows, Says Canadian M.P.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A zenith of persecution — trial by TV and conviction by innuendo — has been reached in some countries, Mr. John G. Diefenbaker, M.P. (Canada), declared at a lecture at the Hebrew University last week. The lecture was jointly sponsored by the University and the Israel Bar Association.

A general trend towards a strong executive, abbetted by the cold war, has led to a reduction of parliamentary powers in many nations, (or loaned to administrative boards), the leading Progressive Conservative leader and distinguished advocate said.

Parliamentary and congressional committees, not especially endowed with infallibility or impartiality, where prosecutors are judges and judges prosecutors, are the greatest danger to freedom. The safeguard that no man may testify against himself is one of the great bulwarks of individual freedom.

The Canadian M.P. extolled the historic role of Canadian Jews in establishing individual liberties in his country. The Seder symbolised the eternal drive of the Jewish people toward freedom, he said. Though freedom is being challenged today all over the world, and men are prepared to exchange it for social security, in pioneering Israel he has found a contribution to freedom and the building of a better world.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Exhibitions: —
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel Pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Exhibition of 100 paintings and drawings by P. Litvinovsky. Exhibition of Pessah utensils, and comparative display of new originals and reproductions of art. Bezalel National Museum, 9-1, 3-6.
"Spring Exhibition of Jerusalem Artists," Artists' House, 10-1, 4-7 p.m.
Exhibition of drawings by Nomi Zuckerman, at the Israel Touring Club, Talbieh. 10-1, 3-6.

★ Archaeology: —
Department of Antiquities, Special exhibition chalcolithic objects from Tell Abu-Matar, near Beersheba, Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6.

★ Libraries: —
Lending Library and Reading Room, Centre de Culture Francaise, 3 Rehov Ben Yehuda. Entrance free. 10-1, 4.30-7.30 p.m.
American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamillah Rd. Entrance free. 9-1, 3-6.

★ Tours: —
Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Film Shows: —
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Lectures: —
"Chlorella Algae as a Food," by Professor M. Evenari, Vice-President of the Hebrew University, 8.30 p.m., Z.O.A. House.

★ Theatres: —
"The Trouble Makers," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8 p.m. (tickets sold out).

★ Entertainment: —
Concert at Noga Cafe, from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight.
Dance and dine at the Cocktail Bar.

HAIFA

★ Exhibition: —
Collective Exhibition by Haifa Artists. Municipal Museum of Modern Art, Town Hall. To be opened by Mayor Abba Khoushy, 6 p.m.
Woodcuts, aquarelles, monotypes, "Treclyn" Art Gallery, 6 Rehov Beerwald, 10-1, 4-7.

★ Lectures: —
F. Portnoy—"Chopin"—with demonstrations on the piano — auspices: "Circle of Intellectuals for Culture and Peace" — Beit Hahalutzot, 3 Reh. Yalag, 8.30 p.m.

★ Theatre: —
Do-Re-Mi, "Victoria and Her Hussar," 8.30 p.m.

★ Entertainment: —
Dancing-Floorshow at Cire Bar.

RAMAT GAN

★ Entertainment: —
Radley's Ice Revue at the Eiratron, 4 and 8.30 p.m.

HERZLIA

★ Theatre: —
Habimah, "Macbeth," 8 p.m.

HADERA

★ Theatre: —
"Pygmalion," Chamber Theatre, 8 p.m.

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Workers, employees, seamen and all those who are connected with the Port and the sea, and those who took part in the Port's liberation, are invited to participate. The ceremony will be held on the New Quay in Haifa Port. Work in the Port will be suspended for one hour, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
Haifa Port Management
Haifa Labour Council
Workers in Haifa Port

West Brom Win Cup Final

By AKIVA KALMAN

A ding-dong but dull, defensive Cup Final at the famous Wembley Stadium before 100,000 spectators, including the Queen Mother Queen Elizabeth, ended on Saturday with a 3-2 win for West Bromwich Albion, over Preston North End, with a goal snatched by Griffin, outside right two minutes before the end.

The game was not a classical match but a struggle between two determined first-class sides playing good League-style soccer with defenders holding the edge on their attacking foes. It proved a compensation for the West Bromwich Albion team, who had played sufficiently fine and consistent soccer as to just miss the League championship, finishing second to Wolverhampton Wanderers, and to capture the top trophy of English soccer football.

This gave West Bromwich the fifth Cup victory in their history, as against Preston's previous two—one of which included the "double" of the League championship, as well as the Cup, last century. It also gave the West Brom. men their third win over their rivals, whom they had beaten twice in League games this season.

So the 1953-4 English soccer season bowed out with a hard but not brilliant display of English type football, as, across the way at Lords, the cricket season was officially started with the traditional match between the M.C.C. and Yorkshire.

The mid-week games settled the promotion problem in the Second Division, as Everton pipped Blackburn Rovers for the right to join Leichester City in the upward journey. By reason of a 3-0 win Everton rejoined their First Division mates once again, finishing with the same number of points as Leicester, 56, but with a worse goal average. Blackburn tallied 55 points.

Port Vale continued their fine season's work and defensive play and, apart from promotion to the second Division (already reported), it gained a record to no-one's surprise. In the season of 46 matches the doughty 11 men allowed only 21 goals. This two fewer than got past Birmingham City (then playing Second Division football) in only 43 games in 1906.

BRITISH SOCCER—1953-4 SEASON

FINAL POSITIONS

F.A. CUP WINNERS: West Bromwich Albion. Defeated finalists: Preston North End.

ENGLISH LEAGUE: DIVISION I: Champions: Wolverhampton Wanderers. Runners-up: West Bromwich Albion. Relegated to Div. II: Middlesbrough and Liverpool. DIVISION II: Champions and runners-up respectively and promoted to Div. I: Leicester City and Everton. Relegated to Div. III: Brentford and Oldham Athletic. and Oldham Athletic. DIVISION III (S): Champions and promoted to Div. II: Ipswich Town. To seek re-election: Colchester Town and Walsall. DIV. III (N): Champions and promoted to Div. II: Port Vale. To seek re-election: Halifax Town and Chester.

SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS: Celtic.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: DIV. A: Champions: Celtic. Relegated to Div. B: Airdreonians and Hamilton Academicals. DIV. B: Champions and Runners-up respectively and promoted to Div. A: Motherwell and Kilmarnock.

Independence Day Run

The fifth Independence Day Run from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem on Thursday will include teams of runners from the four sports organizations Maccabi, Hapoel, Betar and Eli-Zur, and from the University and Technion, the organizers the Physical Training Department report.

The run is due to start at the Knesset Square in Tel Aviv at 8 a.m. on a signal, according to tradition, from the Mayor of Tel Aviv-Jaffa, and will be raced over six legs, for each of which the winning team will receive a flag. The race will end outside the Ministry of Education and Culture offices in Prophets Street, Jerusalem, at about 4 p.m., the State Cup will be presented to the team with the best aggregate time over the whole distance. Results are to be broadcast hourly over Kol Israel.

Instability Rules In Hussein's Regime

By a Special Correspondent

With Sunday's Cabinet resignation, the clock has been turned back in Jordan. The reign of King Hussein does not seem to have brought that country any more stability than had existed under his predecessors.

When he ascended the throne a year ago, he was faced with a cabinet crisis resulting in the resignation of what was then described as the "Old Pasha regime" of the Turkish generation of politicians under Tewfik Abu'l Huda.

The "new order" of Fawzi el Mulki, representing the young Jordan intelligentsia, was widely welcomed at first and was held up as a striking contrast to the age of corruption of the past.

But the very day on which Hussein celebrated the first anniversary of his coronation, his kingdom was again shaken by deep political discontent.

There is little doubt that the pro-Western Dr. Mulki faced increasing difficulties in checking his more radical Cabinet colleagues such as Dr. Hussein Khalidi, former Secretary-General of the Arab Higher Executive, and other Palestine Arabs.

Examples are the naive cable of congratulations to Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky for his pro-Arab attitude in the Security Council; the Cabinet's failure even to consider the growing popular demand for complete Jordan-Iraqi union; the decision to prevent the entry of Mr. Eric Johnston and the Cabinet's failure to convince the Arab League to grant permanent financial aid to the National Guard. All these issues have been the subject of severe criticism at home.

Hybrid Sweet Corn Grown at Rehovot

REHOVOT, Monday. — A new type of hybrid sweet corn of a high nutritive value, the first and only one of its kind in Israel, has been developed by Dr. Oved Shifriss, head of Plant Genetics Research at the Weizmann Institute of Science. The hybrid combines the desirable characteristics of four different pure varieties.

Texture, sugar content and flavour of the new sweet corn, which has been named "Peer Rehovot," are superior to the field corn varieties now extensively used for human consumption.

The colour is a glistening, lustrous yellow, contrasted with the matt-white of existing field varieties.

The new variety is well adapted for home gardens as well as for commercial growing. It has been proved excellent for canning.

It can be planted every three weeks from the beginning of April to early August, thus giving a continuous supply. The vigorous plant produces an average of about two ears of fairly good size.

According to Dr. Shifriss, sweet corn is one of the most nutritious vegetables in existence. The hybrid variety which he developed in the Weizmann Institute's Genetics Garden, is most delicious to the taste.

It is extremely important, he adds, that people should learn the art of growing and preparing sweet corn.

THE FOURTH national conference of the Israel Maritime League will be held on May 13 in the s.s. Jerusalem.

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Amateur Artists Compete For Journalists' Ball

Over 60 amateur artists from all over the country competed in Friday's auditions for the Jerusalem Journalists' Association Independence Day Ball. A 14-member folk dancing group was among those chosen to appear on Wednesday evening at the President Hotel.

The Ball will continue until dawn, and will include a Fashion Show of Paris models. Some of the dresses on display will be offered as prizes in the tombola.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

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Tel Aviv: Altman, 1 King George, 3791. Kitajewicz, 32 Hayarkon, 3586. Yehuda Halevi, 91 Yehuda Halevi, 5139. Ben Yehuda, 142 Ben Yehuda, 23535. Ziva, Hatikva Qr., 97403.

Jaffa: Noga, near Noga cinema, 61896. Givatayim: Briut, 7 Syrkin. Ramat Gan Bet: Levin, 38 Hanegbah.

Haifa: Harefua, 61 Hehalutz, 2277. Weisel Levanoni, 31 Atzmaut, 3586. Kiryat Motskin: Motskin, 7202.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

Jerusalem: Dr. M. Schumert, 19 Ben Yehuda, 61474. Dr. B. Raviva, 24 Ben Maimon, 8229. Dr. A. Schlissel, Talpiot.

Tel Aviv: Dr. M. Shaham, 1 Syrkin, 25942. Dr. N.L. Sacher, 165 Dizengoff, 26383. Dr. W. Silberbach, 98 Yehuda Halevi, 26319. Jaffa: Dr. Weinberg, 4 Rehov 65. Dr. Alcalai, 65 Nehov 4.

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DISCONTINUATION OF SALE OF STAMPS

The Postal Administration announces that as from Thursday, May 20, 1954, the Philatelic Services, 2 Rehov Pinsker, Tel Aviv, will discontinue the sale of "Holiday Stamps" (שבועות) issued in 1953. These stamps will continue to be sold by all Post Offices and Postal Agencies throughout the country until May 31, 1954, as long as available till that date.

These stamps will remain valid for postal use.

HEAD POSTMASTER

CORRECTION

The Independence Day new stamps will be issued on Wednesday, May 5, 1954 and not as erroneously announced yesterday.

HOLIDAY SERVICE FOR THE YOUTH ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

A Holiday Service for youth will be held on Independence Day eve, Wednesday, May 5, 1954 at 6 p.m. at the Bilu School, 122 Sderot Rothschild. A choir and Dr. S.Z. Cahana, Director General of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, will participate.

HOLIDAY PARTY FOR GUESTS FROM ABROAD

The Committee of the Great Synagogue in Tel Aviv is organizing a party for tourists who have arrived for Independence Day.

The party will be held at the "Savoy" Hotel, on Wednesday, May 5, 1954 at 10 p.m. The Tel Aviv Chief Rabbis, the Director General of the Ministry for Religious Affairs and the "Sela" Choir will participate.

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	43	16	32	21
Tiberias	60	21	36	27
Haifa Port	55	20	28	26
Natanya	71	17	33	23
Tel Aviv North	64	13	34	23
Tel Aviv Port	70	19	33	24
Lydda Airport	67	16	37	22
Jerusalem	53	15	34	25
Beersheba	58	16	32	20
Eilat	17	24	36	28

FORECAST: Fine.
*A) Humidity at 4 p.m. B) Mist mum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp expected today

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AN EXHIBITION depicting the development of Ramle during the six years since its liberation was opened yesterday by the Mayor, Mr. Meir Melamed, in the presence of a large group of guests and townsfolk.

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BANKS WILL BE closed tomorrow afternoon, the eve of Independence Day.

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Dr. KURT MENDELSOHN is to resign from his post as Director of Revenue in the Finance Ministry on May 15, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

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A COMPLETE collection of all sections of the Israel daily press and magazines, wall-newspapers, placards, posters, and J.N.F. and State of Israel stamps containing highlights of Dr. Weizmann's life and career has been presented to the Weizmann Archives at Rehovot by Mr. Mordecai Drapkin, of Kiryat Haim, near Haifa. Mr. Drapkin, who is a veteran employee of the Palestine Electric Corporation, spent over 20 years on the collection, with his wife's active help.

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THE EVEN V'SID company started quarrying green granite in Eilat this week, the company announced in Haifa yesterday. The granite will be used mainly for export to Belgium and the U.S. Italian experts are supervising the work.

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A SHORTAGE OF WATER will probably be felt in northern Tel Aviv between 7.30 and 11.30 this morning due to repairs by the Palestine Electric Corporation.

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21 EMPLOYEES of the Zrifin bakery in the Ramle area went on strike yesterday to protest the proposed dismissal by the management of 17 employees.

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THE ARABIC PROGRAMMES of Kol Yisrael are to be transmitted from Jerusalem from next week, it has been learned. The transfer of the staff in charge of the programmes from the Tel Aviv Kirya where they had been located since the establishment of the State, had been under consideration for some time but lack of accommodation in Jerusalem had delayed the move.

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UNEMPLOYMENT in Haifa is rising again, with the dismissal of some 500 temporary workers from the Port and 500 other workers who had been given emergency jobs before Pessah.

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A STOWAWAY, who had a valid passport and exit visa in his possession, was returned to Haifa after being discovered aboard the Turkish s.s. Sadikiar, 90 minutes out of port yesterday afternoon. The man was Aharon Ashkenasi, of no fixed address.

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A LICENCE TO publish a new Hebrew daily newspaper, "Hasha'a" has been granted by the Ministry of Interior to Mr. Zeidenberg.

T.A. Gets Grant For Relief Work

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A grant for the employment of a small number of jobless was assured here this morning at a meeting between Mayor H. Levanon and representatives of the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Interior and the Labour Exchange.

Relief work for 200 persons halted on Friday for lack of funds, was resumed today following pressure from Mapai Councillors at a Council meeting last night.

World Sephardi Meeting in J'lem

About 200 delegates, 100 of whom represent communities abroad, are to participate in the Congress of the World Federation of Sephardi communities, opening in Jerusalem on Sunday, in the presence of the President, Cabinet Ministers and representatives of the Diplomatic Corps.

One of the delegates to the Congress is Dr. David de Sola-Pool, of New York, who was a member of the Zionist Commission which, headed by Chaim Weizmann, came to this country in 1918.

Of the 91 local delegates, about half represent the Histadrut and the others various Sephardi communities.

3 Youths Jailed For Assaulting Police

TEL AVIV, Monday. — For attacking two policemen in civilian clothes in a cafe in Ramat Yitzhak, three youths, aged 17, 19 and 21, yesterday were each sentenced to a month in prison by Mr. Y. Zohar, Tel Aviv Magistrate.

The policemen were in the cafe when a fight broke out among the three youths. The constables sought to stop the fight, but they were attacked and beaten by the youngsters.

The magistrate held that, though the policemen were in the cafe for a purely social purpose, they took upon themselves police duties as a breach of the law was being committed. Hence, he ruled, the attack took place while they were performing their duty.

Burg For Trial In District Court

REHOVOT, Monday. — The Rehovot Magistrate, Mr. Avraham Movshovitz, decided today that there were sufficient grounds to commit Yigal Burg for trial in the Tel Aviv District Court.

Burg is charged with embezzling IL.1,500 while in the employ of the Municipality's Water Department.

50,000 To View Independence Day Military Parade in Ramle

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Preparations for Independence Day centering around the customary military parade — in Ramle this year — which 50,000 persons are expected to view on Thursday were well under way today.

The police, whose participation in this year's parade is much more extensive than hitherto, are preparing a large amount of their manpower and resources. About 1,000 policemen are to serve in Ramle on Thursday to maintain order and extend services to the nine police units which will participate in the parade.

All of the force of the recently organised Police Central District, with headquarters in Ramle, will be mobilised with generous contributions from all other police districts.

Tel Aviv traffic police are to contribute all of their mounted personnel and motorcyclists.

The centre of the police portion of the parade will be a group of border police. A company of police cadets will lead, followed by regular constables and units of police dogs, mounted police, a mobile and an armoured unit. A motorcycle unit will close the police ranks.

The Independence Menorah and 50 candles were lit in Safad today to commemorate the defenders of the town.

Ramle will be closed to traffic early on Thursday morning, with motorists having to use secondary roads. Motorists from different parts of the country are to use specially-marked lanes in arriving and departing.

Egged will pool many buses from rural lines to serve the heavy traffic from Tel Aviv to the parade.

Special services will start at 7.30 a.m. and Egged will extend its services in the area between Herzlia and Rehovot until midnight. Hundreds of persons are expected to avail themselves of the special Egged holiday trips to Sdom, Tiberias, Lake Hulah, and Migdal Ashkelon.

The railways are running special trains to Ramle from Tel Aviv's central station at 8.45 and 9.45 a.m.

Independence Day eve in Tel Aviv will feature the extraordinary sight of cafes open after midnight (with permission to stay open until morning) and folk-dancing in public squares and some main streets. The police announce that no vehicular traffic whatsoever will be allowed in these areas on Wednesday night.

No Independence Day prison amnesties will be made this year, it is learned from the Prison Commissioner's Office.

In Acre, 350 kindergarten children visited a military camp today and gave each soldier an Independence Day present. After watching the flag raising exercises, they were presented with pennants by the soldiers.

The following roads will be closed on Wednesday from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m. in preparation for the Independence Day parade:

From the Beit Dagon intersection to the Nahshon crossroad; from the Petah Tikva road intersection, near Wilhelmina, to Ramle; from Bilu Square to Ramle.

The Government has arranged to distribute meat to restaurants and hotels for the holiday. Supplies are to suffice for 120th Wednesday and Thursday, according to the Ministry of Commerce spokesman. These establishments are usually supplied by the "free" market.

False Death, Burial In House Sale Case

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A tale of fictitious burial in connection with the sale of a house was unfolded in the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court today.

In 1947, Dov Pinkus and his wife, Ruth, sold a house which they claimed to have bought in 1944 from Mr. A.V. Ehrlichman who, they said, had served in the Polish Army in Palestine. Ehrlichman, they further claimed, died and was buried in Jerusalem in 1947.

In 1951, Zehava Voloshovitzky, Ehrlichman's heir, challenged the legality of the couple's title to Ehrlichman's house.

Mr. Shabtai Cohen, 62, an official of Keren Hayesod, testified before the District Court at the time that he had witnessed the deed of sale.

Mr. Haim Schwartz, Secretary of the Orthodox Community in Jerusalem, who was also a witness in the 1951 hearing, testified that Ehrlichman was buried in the Orthodox cemetery in Jerusalem.

It was subsequently claimed that all the facts submitted by the four persons were false. Ehrlichman, it was said, was killed in Poland by the Nazis. He was never buried in this country.

A tombstone was allegedly erected over an empty grave.

The Pinkus couple, Cohen and Schwartz now face a preliminary investigation before the Tel Aviv Magistrate on charges of perjury.

The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.

Greek Orthodox Protest Graveyard Desecration

HAIFA, Monday. — More than 1,000 persons attended a meeting this afternoon protesting the desecration of the graveyard of the Greek Orthodox Community in Derech Atzmaut.

After the meeting, held in the Greek Orthodox Church on Rehov Hahar, Archbishop George Hakim led a march to the cemetery.

A fortnight ago, leaders of the Greek Orthodox Community complained to the police that the cemetery had been desecrated and several tombstones damaged.

Police found that children had entered the graveyard through a broken fence and had played there.

Files were opened against the children's parents and the children themselves were placed on probation.

Cyprus Soccerites Due Today

By IRIS K. RUSSELL

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NICOSIA, Monday. — The Cypriot football team, comprising 17 players, accompanied by their trainers and the President of the Cyprus Football Association, Mr. Nicos Stellanakis, will leave by air tomorrow evening for Israel. They are boarding a specially chartered Cyprus Airways Dakota.

The Cypriot team will play two games against the Israel "B" selected. The Israel team recently visited Cyprus and won both its games there.

For the Cyprus-Israel football game in the Ramat Gan Municipal Stadium on Thursday afternoon, 15,000 tickets were made available to schoolchildren. Attendance is expected to be 30,000 and the local police will have to exert themselves to control the crowds in addition to all their special Independence Day duties.

This is a return visit of our island neighbours for the trip by the Israel "B" team last month, when they notched two wins against the first Cyprus National eleven.

Nineteen players have been chosen as the "pool" from which the Israel second team will be selected. They are: Buch, Schneidmesser, Spiegel, Z. Silberstein, Sharf (Petah Tikva Maccabi); Visoker, Carni, Rovioff, Segal (P.T. Hapoel); Reznik, Matania, Rubinovits (Tel Aviv Maccabi); Shmuelovitch, Shifer, Avrotski (Kfar Saba Hapoel); Miller, Hoshua (Natanya Maccabi); Tuviash (Rehovot Hap.) and Y. Silberstein (T.A. Hap.).

The "poolites" have been in active training for their meeting with the visitors and have held some trial games against especially selected tough teams.

Moslems Begin Month's Fast

The Moslem Holy Month of Ramadan was ushered in yesterday when eye-witnesses, in accordance with the instructions of the Koran, testified before the Old City Sharia Court that they had seen the new moon with the naked eye, Radio Ramallah reported.

The traditional Ramadan cannon was fired from Herod's Gate cemetery in the Old City in the early hours of the morning.

During Ramadan devout Moslems abstain from eating and drinking during the hours of daylight, feasting only at night.

Police Let Customers Finish Their Soup

TEL AVIV, Tuesday, 1 a.m. — Habitues of Kasit, the "artists' cafe" here, turned up in full force last night apparently in an attempt to defy the municipal by-law ordering the closing of all cafes by midnight.

When the police arrived at 12 o'clock and ordered the cafe to be emptied, the patrons reportedly refused to leave their tables. The police permitted customers to eat the soup which was being served but then turned every one out and closed the cafe.

The owner of the cafe, Mr. Yehezkel Weinstein, has been fined several times for not closing at midnight and last week was bound over to be of good behaviour for one year.

740 Cows Arrive

HAIFA, Monday. — The s.s. Columbian Heights arrived here from the U.S. this afternoon with 740 cows to be distributed to 18 settlements, and 10 Dutch breeding bulls.

The cows are of two breeds, Hereford and Brahmin, and they need special treatment. The former are especially suited to the Negev and the South. The Brahmin are more suitable for hill regions.

The cattle were purchased under the U.S. Grant-in-Aid and part of the money will be paid in cash by the settlements and part will be advanced from the Development Budget.

The settlements will undertake not to sell the cows or their calves for a minimum of five years, except with explicit Government permission.

TRIGAMY

HAIFA, Monday. — For marrying two women in addition to his legal wife, Avraham Mizrahi, 36, was charged and released on IL.400 bail in the Magistrate's Court here today.

According to the prosecution, the accused first married 20 years ago and had four children by his first wife. About 10 years ago, he allegedly married again, and some months ago it was reported that he had married for a third time, while not divorced from his first wife.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM: Poultry for invalids 750 gr., Medical Association Coupons dated 25/4. Eggs in place of meat: 3 eggs. Hot 30, temp. 30.
SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Frozen meat: 100 gr., Tet 19, temp. 28. Fillet: 150 gr. Tet 11, temp. 34.

Car Missing

Taxicar Ford F-I No. 15264 B

colour: green. Missed since the evening hours of April 29, 1954 from the vicinity of Dizengoff Square, Tel Aviv. Those who can give information leading to the recovery of the car or have news about its whereabouts are kindly requested to contact Eng. Marcus, Tel Aviv, 9 Rehov Ben Sahal, Tel. 3775, or Haspaka Ltd. Tel. 81281, or the nearest Police Station.

Reward Offered

Einstein Farm School In Ben Shemen

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The cornerstone of the Elsa and Albert Einstein agricultural school was laid in Samuel A. Eliot village, Ben Shemen, by Mr. P. Naftali, the Minister of Agriculture, this afternoon. Professor Einstein sent greetings.

The funds for the school were raised in the U.S. by the "Children to Palestine" organization, which includes many non-Jews. One of the first donors, Mrs. S. Gordon, Vice-President of the organization, who gave $72,000, was present at the ceremony and brought the greetings of American children to young Israelis.

Mr. Naftali noted the great honour bestowed on Ben Shemen by Dr. Einstein when he allowed the school to be named after him and his wife.

The Ben Shemen youth village at present houses some 400 youngsters, from six to 17 years of age. From six to 14, the children study at the normal elementary school in the village, together with about 100 children from the surrounding area. From 14 to 17 years of age, they study agriculture.

U.S. Consul Bids J'lem Farewell

"We will not forget Jerusalem," the departing U.S. Consul-General in Jerusalem, Mr. S. Roger Tyler, told a distinguished gathering, at a farewell garden party given yesterday in the Capital's Allee Saligsberg School by the Hadassah Club for Overseas Visitors.

The Consul and Mrs. Tyler, who are leaving from Haifa today after almost four years in Jerusalem, were replying to farewells by Mrs. Kurt Grunwald, Chairman of the Club, and Mrs. Myriam Granott, Chairman of the Hadassah Council in Israel.

Prime Minister Lauds Work of McDaniel

The Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, sent a letter to Mr. Bruce McDaniel, Director of the U.S. Operations Mission in Israel, on Friday, expressing the "deep regret" felt at the news that Mr. McDaniel is to return shortly to the U.S.

The Prime Minister lauded the "intimate understanding" of the country's problems which Mr. McDaniel had developed. "The work of your Mission has been of outstanding importance for Israel's future," he said.

Mr. Sharett noted that "in the field of technical cooperation and the promotion of sound economic development, your country could not have had a more devoted emissary, nor the cause of American-Israel friendship a better champion."

Six Enterprises Given Approval

Six enterprises, with a capital of $345,000 and IL.940,000, were approved by the Investment Centre during March, according to official figures released in Jerusalem yesterday.

Included on this list are an organic fertiliser factory in Natanya (being expanded), a piston plant in Tel Aviv, hotels in Ashkelon and Beersheba, and an artificial leather plant in Ramat Gan.

The programmes of 15 enterprises which would have resulted in an investment of $2.2 m. and IL.1.4m. were cancelled, and three programmes were rejected as unnecessary.

By the end of March, there were 425 approved enterprises, with a capital of $87.5m. (half of this American) and IL.37.1m.

US 'Friends' Demand Border Changes

The only solution to the "Palestine problem" is for Israel to abide by the U.N. decisions, for Israel's boundaries to be changed, and for the Arab refugees to be repatriated or compensated, according to the American Friends of the Middle East, Mr. G. Hopkins, Vice-President of the group, told a press conference in Amman on Sunday, ANA reports.

Mr. Hopkins had just returned from a seven-day Moslem-Christian conference in Beirut. He denied a report in the Arabic Press saying that the Friends of the Middle East advocate peace between Israel and the Arabs based on *faits accomplis*. Peace must be based on justice, he said.

World Policy Against Abolishing Controls

The international atmosphere in regard to abolishing currency controls has changed recently for the worse, Mr. Peretz Bernstein, Minister of Commerce and Industry, said in Tel Aviv on Sunday at the annual conference of the Foreign Capital Investors' Association held at the Z.O.A. House.

America, which formerly favoured abolition, recently changed her attitude in answering a request from West Germany asking help in abolishing controls.

Mr. Bernstein stressed that he did not mean to imply that America would influence, or would care to influence even by an advisory opinion, any decision taken by Israel. He noted, however, that the international atmosphere now strengthened the stand of those governments which favoured retaining controls.

HANDBALL TEAM WINS IN ANTWERP

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The touring handball team of Rehovot Maccabi Yehuda won its first game against a selected team in Antwerp yesterday by 11 to 1 it is learned here.

The Israel team was acclaimed by an enthusiastic crowd of several hundreds.

Investors Attack Centre's Weakness

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Sharp criticism of the "incompetence" of the Government's Investment Centre, particularly in view of the loss of its right to issue import licenses to approved enterprises, was voiced today at the conclusion of the two-day conference of the Foreign Capital Investors' Association.

A resolution was passed demanding that the Government adopt a law defining the rights and duties of the investment centre and that it change some of its personnel.

On the issue whether the Association should be attached to the Manufacturers' Association, opinions were almost equally divided, and it was finally decided by a small majority to negotiate a new contract with the manufacturers.

Israel Exhibition

HAMBURG, Monday (UP). — The Deputy Chief of the Israel Reparations Mission in Western Germany, Dr. Haim Yahil, attended the opening of an exhibition called Old-New Land of Israel here yesterday.

The exhibition, sponsored by the Society for Christian Jewish Cooperation will be open for a week, after which it will move to other West German cities.

AMERICAN VIEW:

Byroade Trying To 'Temper' Political Climate in Mid-East

By a Diplomatic Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Monday.— An American attempting to present and interpret the speech of Mr. Henry Byroade, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, before the American Council for Judaism on Saturday night, would define its underlying aim as an attempt to temper the political climate in the Middle East in such a way as to lead to a lessening of the tension between Israel and the Arab States.

The present insecurity on the borders is regarded as an effect of the present "climate," rather than as a cause. Mr. Byroade's "fundamentals", therefore, were aimed at achieving a *modus vivendi* between the two sides.

To the Arabs, he appealed that they stop threatening a second round against Israel with the aim of annihilating this country; they should ease their economic blockade of Israel, and should seek to lessen border violations.

His appeal to Israel, according to this American interpretation, was that she should settle down to developing the country. This would improve the present standard of living and would ensure a good life for the next generation. New areas should be opened up and raw material resources exploited. This, in turn, would lead to a far greater absorptive capacity, and would mean that any future immigration could be absorbed easily within the present boundaries of Israel. The mass immigration of recent years had not yet been fully incorporated into the country's economy, and any call for future mass immigration can only cause consternation among the Arabs who, seeing Israel's present difficulties, must inevitably think that the masses to come in can only be settled at the expense of Arab lands beyond Israel's present borders.

Repeated appeals for unlimited mass immigration, this American interpreter would say, must make the Arabs think of the nine million Jews in the world still living outside Israel. Is the appeal made to all these nine million to come here? So far, the maximum figure mentioned has been some two-and-a-half million, but even this number, the Arabs think, cannot be absorbed within the present Israel borders.

Even this figure of 2.5 millions is not at present available for immigration, as American Jews do not wish to come in large numbers, and Soviet Jewry is not allowed to come. Israel, it is suggested, should be realistic and should therefore decide how many wish to or can come immediately, and how many newcomers can be brought into the country at this moment.

"Exaggerated" claims and demands, which only frighten the Arabs, should not be made. The Arabs would realize that the smaller number is a fair one, representing no threat to their own countries or independence.

As the absorptive capacity of Israel rises through the development of the country, so could the number of immigrants be increased.

Cables in Brief

ALIYA. — Queen Elizabeth, the Belgian Queen Mother, in Brussels this week-end attended a Youth Aliya gala performance of Smetana's opera, "The Bartered Bride." The Israel Minister and Mrs. Ariel sat with the Queen Mother in the Royal Box.

BIBLE. — Mr. A.D. Anderson, an industrial engineer, has described in Philadelphia a machine which could engrave the entire Bible on a piece of metal a quarter the size of a postage stamp. The machine is called a pantagraph miller.

GENGHIS KHAN. — The bier of Genghis Khan has been returned to its old mausoleum in Inner Mongolia, the New China News Agency reported yesterday. The agency said Kuomintang Nationalists had taken away the bier 50 years ago.

VIOLATION.—The U.S. Supreme Court ruled on Monday that Jackson County, Texas, had been violating the constitution by keeping U.S. citizens of Mexican ancestry off local juries.

B.I.F. — The British Industries' Fair opened in London and Birmingham on Monday. About 2,400 exhibitors are taking part in the show.

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Security Council

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accepted, Mr. Wadsworth said, "the two parties to the dispute will be called to the table and in the order in which the items appear on the agenda, the representative of Jordan will present his case. He will, I imagine, if ever given a chance to do so, spend a large portion if not most of his time on his agenda item. ...If we pursue the usual course, the representative of Israel will give his version of this and perhaps as background sketch on many things which he wants to bring before the Council. And in the normal course of events, the members of the Council... will have an opportunity to state what is in their minds and the views of their Governments."

Mr. Vyshinsky agreed that a decision should be taken without delay but objected to any form of general debate. He urged adoption of the agenda as put originally "without prejudging the order of discussion, which we can leave up to the speakers, with the President holding the reins as he sees fit."

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TRAFFIC ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Controller of Transport of the Ministry of Communications informs the public of the following instructions:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRAFFIC NOT DIRECTED TO THE PARADE AREA

Traffic not directed to the Parade Area will be regulated on Independence Day between 5 a.m.—3.30 p.m. as follows:

a) To the travelling public from Jerusalem and Corridor to the South, Centre and North and vice versa — the route will be as follows:

Jerusalem, Hartuv turn-off, Nakhshon-Masmiah crossroad, Masmiah, to Southern Jerusalem. To the Centre and North — through Gederа to the coastal road till Rishon-le-Zion, through Beit Dagon Square, Mishmar Hashiv'a and on to Tel Aviv — continuing the road through Holon Square, and to the North —through the highway to the Petah Tikva Road.

Traffic to Jerusalem will follow the same route in the opposite direction.

b) No traffic will pass the town of Ramle on Independence Day between 5 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.

c) Exit from the town of Lydda on Independence Day between 5 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. will be by the Ben Shemen — Beit Nabala Road. After Truman to Lydda Airport.

d) Parking will be strictly prohibited on all routes leading from and to the town of Ramle on Independence Day between 5 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.

MICHAEL BAR
Controller of Road Transport

TRAFFIC ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Traffic Controller of the Ministry of Communications brings to the attention of the public the following instructions:

TRAFFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO GUESTS AND SPECTATORS OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE — 1954

On the occasion of the Military Parade which is to take place in Ramle on Independence Day, traffic will be regulated as follows:

1) GUESTS in possession of invitations to the platforms erected for the occasion and parking checks for their cars, will reach Ramle by the following roads:

For guests from Jerusalem and area the route will be: from Hartuv Road, crossroad Nakhshon, Masmiah, Hulda-Ekron Road to the Bilu turn, from there to the Bilu-Ramle Road up to the parking lot.

For guests from the South, the route will be: Southern Road to the Bilu turn, from there the Bilu-Ramle Road up to the parking lot.

For guests from Tel Aviv and area, Rishon-le-Zion and Rehovot, the route will be: Tel Aviv-Beit Dagon Road, Rishon-le-Zion, Rehovot, Bilu, and on to the Bilu-Ramle Road up to the parking lot.

For guests from the Centre and the North, the route will be: Beit Lidd-Petah Tikva Road, through Petah Tikva up to the "Nebe" Hospital, and on to the highway heading for Mishmar Ha'shiva, then continuing to Beit Dagon, Rishon-le-Zion, Rehovot, Bilu, Bilu-Ramle Road up to the parking lot.

Entrance to the Bilu-Ramle Crossroad will be permitted only to cars for which a parking check is held.

All the guests' vehicles of all types, including cars and buses will not be permitted to leave the parking lot before the end of the parade.

2) SPECTATORS not in possession of entrance tickets to the platforms and parking checks for their cars, will have to follow instructions as hereafter:

For spectators from Jerusalem and area, the route will be: Jerusalem, Hartuv turn-off, Masmiah-Nakhshon crossroad, on to Nakhshon Road in the direction of Ramle up to the parking lot.

For spectators from the South, the route will be: South, Masmiah Road till the turn-off with the Jerusalem Road, and on to the Nakhshon-Ramle Road up to the parking lot.

For spectators from Tel Aviv and area, Rishon-le-Zion and Rehovot, the route will be: on all roads till Beit Dagon Square, Beit Dagon-Ramle Road up to the parking lot.

For spectators from the Centre and the North, the route will be: Beit Lidd-Petah Tikva turn-off, on to the Wilhelma-Lydda Road, up to the parking lot. No vehicles which will have reached the parking lot, will be permitted to leave it before the end of the parade.

Bus Service will be available to the guests holding tickets to the platforms, separately from the regular bus service in the area.

Time-table of these buses:

From Jerusalem (Egged station) between 7.30 and 8 a.m.; from Tel Aviv (opp. Central Station, Rehov Yessud Hame'ala) between 7.45 and 8.30 a.m.; from Haifa (Beit Hakranot, Rehov Herzl) between 6 and 6.30 a.m.

Spectators who do not hold tickets to the platforms and who will have boarded the buses intended for guests, will not be permitted to enter. At all regular Egged stations special bus services will be available to the public wishing to attend the Military Parade in Ramle.
(for time-table see end of the Notice).

Special trains will leave Jerusalem and Tel Aviv for the area of the parade as will be published by the Israel Railways.

GUESTS in possession of invitation tickets who will travel by the buses and trains intended for the general public will not be able to reach the platforms.

The attention of guests, holders of invitations and travelling in private cars, is drawn to the fact that if they will transport in their cars persons not in possession of individual invitations, the latter will be unable to attend the parade.

TIME-TABLE OF THE SPECIAL BUSES AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR TRANSPORT TO THE AREA OF THE PARADE:

from Jerusalem (Egged Station) from 7 a.m. onwards.
from Tel Aviv (Central Station, Parking Lot), from 7.30 a.m. onwards.
from Rehovot, Ness Ziona and Rishon-le-Zion (Egged Station) from 7.30 a.m. onwards.
from Petah Tikva (Egged Station) from 7.30 a.m. onwards.
from Kfar Saba (Egged Station) from 7.30 a.m. onwards.
from Herzlia (Egged Station) from 7 a.m. onwards.
from Natanya (Egged Station) from 7.45 a.m. onwards.
from Hadera (Egged Station) from 8.45 a.m. onwards.

MICHAEL BAR,
Controller of Road Transport

Economic News from Abroad

● Efforts are being made among the medium-sized firms in the British engineering industry to set up a new organization to provide long-term credits for capital goods exports. A merchant banking house is prepared to subscribe 20 per cent of the capital if exporters will take up the balance. It is expected that the cost of the credit will be about 6½ per cent.

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● Part at least of the oil sold by the Soviet Government in recent months seems to come from Rumania. According to official figures crude oil output in Rumania increased from 3.8 million tons in 1947 to 8.9 million in 1953. Over 80 per cent of the oil production and 95 per cent of oil exports are controlled by Sovrompetrol, in which Rumania and Soviet Russia participate equally.

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● A large refining and petrochemical plant will start production in Coalbrook, south of Johannesburg, South Africa, this summer. It has been constructed atop a vast coalfield at a cost of about £3.5m. Besides gasoline, fuel oil and diesel oil, it will make fertilisers, alcohol, ammonia and other chemical by-products.

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● The coming Bundestag debate on a proposed anti-cartel statute in West Germany is considered most important for Europe's economy. Acceptance of the anti-cartel measure, even in a modified form, would mean a major victory for American-style capitalism. Recent polls indicate a swing in German opinion toward a free economy.

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● Krupp appears likely to be the chief contender for the contract to build a suspension bridge across the Bosphorus.

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● A conference between the Turkish government and the British exporters on Turkey's sterling debts has been suggested by Sir W. Fletcher, Conservative M.P. Referring to recent reports of large-scale Turkish orders for British heavy industrial equipment, he stressed that the first obligation of any government is to honour existing contracts, for confidence is the lifeblood of all international trade.

Kibbutz Runs 'Private' Farm in New Experiment

TO the chain of villages established along the Jordan valley a number of links were added during the past few years. Until now this part of the country had been cultivated by kibbutzim and moshavim only. A year ago a farm was established there by "Yitsur V'pituah" company, established by the Ihud Hakvutsot Vehakibbutzim. Its aim was to abolish or at least decrease hired labour in the collectives, which cede part of their land, forming units worked by hired labour.

The machinery is often provided by the kibbutzim which also supply the managers or foremen with long experience and proved organizing ability. The profits of these farms do not go to the individual kibbutz but to the company. In this way the collectives can continue working and living as before without wasting valuable land, equipment and employment opportunities.

The new farm consists of 2,500 dunams, all of it isrigated, called "Havat Shmuel" in honour of Samuel Hamburger, an Israeli who took up farming in California and helps with advice and with the provision of the most modern machinery. The water is taken from the nearby Jordan, and needs no pumping. The higher part of the terrain relies on a pump and pays more for the water, but there too it is relatively very cheap.

Workers come from the neighbourhood, and a special bus line has been established to the farm. The new settlements nearby which as yet cannot live on their own produce, also find in the farm a welcome possibility of earning cash. Two managers are provided by the kibbutzim. Tnuva markets the produce.

The climate makes it possible to raise early vegetables which fetch an excellent, sometimes a fantastic price in the towns. Groundnuts, too, are grown and pay well. Last year, several kinds of cotton were tried out and a Californian variety which apparently gives good results was chosen. This year, 400 dunams are under cotton, which will be picked by hand. In all other respects the farm is highly mechanized.

Mr. Hamburger, who developed special machinery on his Californian farm, has brought in $50,000 worth of American machinery. The implements, big and small, can be seen drawn up near the packing shed after working hours. No shed has been built to shelter them from the night-dew and the rains, and Gahlim (pulu) making the visitor wonder whether this might not turn out to be a saving in the wrong place. As almost everywhere in the country, maintenance has not yet found its proper place in our economic practice.

Havat Shmuel experimented last year with a new variety of tomato which was exported after having been picked and packed as we do oranges. The produce arrived at its destination in good condition, but it will need more time to find out whether it will stand shipping and whether greater quantities can be marketed at satisfactory prices. In Britain, for instance, newly developed agricultural methods, with electrically heated soil and so on, might well prove tough competitors of the Israel sun.

The fine collection of agricultural machinery largely donated by Mr. Hamburger and does not stem from a passion for the latest model of agricultural equipment which characterized many of our agricultural development plans. But the aim of a farm such as Havat Shmuel is manifold: it should produce as quickly and as much as possible; it should make experiments for new varieties and new crops; and it should give as much employment as possible. The first two tasks have been taken firmly in hand. But it might be a blessing in disguise that cotton is picked by hand, being the necessary machinery is not yet available.

The farm can and does serve to a certain extent as a training school for farmers. A worker who does his job there under expert supervision cannot but pick up a lot of useful know-how and if he is a settler from a neighbouring moshav it will be a great advantage to him. If he comes from the town, he might learn that it pays to go into agriculture instead of waiting for a job to turn up at the labour exchange.

The quick and good results of Havat Shmuel will not appear everywhere when the pattern is copied in other places. For here a certain combination of advantages are found together: good soil, cheap water, a favourable climate, expert advice and management. But it was certainly worthwhile to invest IL.400,000 in a venture which yields such quick results both in produce and in employment facilities.

Orchard Areas Expanded

DURING the last planting season at least 10,000 dunams of fruit orchards and vineyards were added to Jewish farms, bringing the total area of fruit trees (exclusive of citrus) and vines in Jewish ownership to approximately 100,000 dunams. Table grapes, apples, plums and bananas were the main fruit planted, but areas of olives and subtropicals were also expanded and the date groves increased from 800 to about 1,000 dunams.

This year, good yields are expected in most fruit orchards and vineyards, and if no sudden hot winds occur, crops are likely to be much in excess of last year's, particularly in plums and table grapes. Prices, however, are expected to remain at about the level of a year ago, though the average may be somewhat below it, because of the reduced purchasing power of the public. The growers' income will depend to a large extent upon the retailers' margin, which hitherto often took the greater part of what the consumer was paying.

Even so, for the time being, growers are not interested in pushing exports, though small trial consignments may be effected in order to explore the possibilities for the future, when crops may exceed the capacity of the local market.

Banana Exports

Only in bananas is export already taking a considerable share of total crop. Until the end of March, 1,200 tons were exported, i.e. about 15 per cent of last season's crop. This year the crop is estimated at 15,000 tons, of which more than 8,000-10,000 are likely to be absorbed by the local market. At least 5,000 tons will have to be disposed of abroad.

The Association of Banana Growers has already advised its members to pay increased attention to cultivation and handling of the fruit in order to insure a quality suitable for foreign markets. A special export centre for bananas is to be established with supervisory staff. Another problem which is to be discussed shortly is the export subsidy which is paid by means of a levy on all local sales.

WEEK IN THE STOCK EXCHANGE

THE Tel Aviv stock market was generally unchanged, dull throughout with few exceptions. The three brighter spots were provided by JERUSALEM ELECTRIC shares, which advanced by 22 points during the week, PALESTINE ELECTRIC shares, Israel Register, which improved by 10 points, and NESHER "B" debentures which partly regained their previous losses advancing 6 points.

The increased demand for JERUSALEM ELETRIC shares is probably connected with some rumours or perhaps information as to the conditions of amalgamation of this Corporation with the Palestine Electric Corp. It appears that after the Jordan part of the Corporation is separated from the Israel plant, the Jerusalem Electric shareholders will receive Palestine Electric preference shares as compensation. However, the shareholders by and large have no knowledge of details concerning the negotiations.

This behaviour follows the pattern set by the Palestine Electric Corporation during negotiations with the Government. Shareholders who do not belong to the inner circle of the Company have no knowledge of the developments in the Corporation.

The meeting called by a newly formed Association for protection of the rights of holders of Palestine Electric shares, Israel Register, and presided over by the two lawyers, Mr. I. Levin and Dr. Seeligsohn, decided on some steps to be taken by the Association and its Executive Committee with a view to safeguarding the rights of these shareholders, who feel they were discriminated against during the settlement of the Palestine Electric issue.

NESHER "B" debentures, noted "buyers only" at low levels for several days, regained part of their previous losses. It appears that it will soon be decided whether an agreement between debenture-holders and Company is possible. Barring that, the trustee will have to sue the Company.

The market in TAVEI DOLLAR remained rather thin and after a few small fluctuations, the price yesterday was IL.1.391 as against IL.1.393 last week. The turnover in this favourite also was influenced by the general quiet attitude and dullness. PAL. POTASH ordinary shares lost a few points, with smaller losses embracing a long list of various securities, including ATA, KURDANEH, ASSIS, MILVE MILCHAMAH, P.L.D.C etc. Had it not been for the shortage of cash which is being felt so strongly in the country, many an investor would probably have taken advantage of the generally low levels of the market, where a number of first-class equities provide an excellent buy today.

London

PROSPECTS of a settlement in Indo-China, the further advance on Wall Street, and good returns in the industrial section for March, contributed to the firmness of the stock market over the weekend after a rather hesitant start during the week. But it failed to come back to last week's levels. In the foreign bond market, the Chinese, which lost some ground at the beginning of the week, turned firm again, while it was the other way round with the Greeks and Hungarians. Reuters Industrial Index came up to 167.5 after having touched 166.4, as against 170.4 last week.

New York

WALL Street experienced another good week. The upward movement continued, though irregularly and on a much smaller scale than at the beginning of the week. Weekend profit-taking made its appearance and halted advance, but the firm tone predominated. Dow-Jones Index for 30 industrials was 319.93 as against 313.37 last week.

Gold

Heavy ingot arrivals in Paris again suppressed the Paris gold market. Despite big purchases by dealers presumed acting for the Bank of France, the ingot price fell to a new low since the opening of the Paris market. In London, after having reached a slightly higher level, the price of gold dropped over the weekend by 1d. to 248/1d. in comparison with 248/9d. last week. The Commonwealth of Australia Bank's buying price for gold has been increased from £A15.9.10 per fine ounce to £A15.12.3, and the sovereign from £A.3.12.6 to £A.3.12.-

Tel Aviv Stock Market

MAY 2.		Rise or Fall
Govt. Loans		
3% 1955 (reg.)	109	—
3% 1956 (reg.)	100½	—
3% 1958 (reg.)	100½	—
Pop. Loans		
1949/49 (IL.10)	101½	+½
1950/75 (IL.10)	98½	+½
4½% Tavei Dollar	1391	+22
4½% War Loan 54/69	81½	+½
4½% Govt. Bonds large	94½	+½
Pal. Bearer Bd.		
Ser. 1	72½	+½
Ser. 2	72½	—
Ser. 3	74½	+½
B. Leumi Ord. sh.	230	—
A.P.B. Invest.		
6% Debs. 50/70	98½	—
4½% Pref. sh.	104½	—
Ord. sh. "B"	113½	—
Gen. Mortg. Bk.		
6% Debs. 42/62	78½	—
6% Pref. sh.	75	—
Bluer		
6% Debs. 46/62	99	—
4½% Debs. 53/66 reg.	76½	—
Nir Ltd.		
6% Debs. 39/59	81	—
6% Pref. sh.	70½	—
Pass. Debs. 6% 42/62	73½	—
P.L.D.C. Ord. sh. reg.	1604	—4
6% Debs.	82	—1b)
Afr Pal. Inv. Ord. sh.	134½	+½
Rassco		
4% Debs 56/62	80½	—
6% Pref. Ord. sh.	94½	+½
Pal. Potash 6% Pref. sh	437	—
"A" ord. sh.	270	—
Pal. Elec. Ord. sh. (Issy.)	494	—
Mekoroth Pref. sh.	70	—½
Ata 4% "C" Pref.sh.	110½	—
Ord. "B" sh.	144½	+½
Ord. "C" sh.	144½	+½
5-8% Con. Debs.	104	+2
"Kurdaneh" Ord "B" sh	149½	—½
Ord. "C" sh.	149½	—½
7% Conv. Debs. 53/63	111½	—½
Assis-Raj. "B" sh	188	—
"Tevel" Ord sh.	100½	—
Nesher 6% Debs.Ser.A	117½	+½
6% Debs Ser. B	142	—
Pal. Cold St. 7% Debs.	146	+1
Lodzia 4½% Pref.sh.	69½	—
S.A. Binyan Ord.sh.	83	—b)
Pal. Centr. Tr pref. sh	91	+1

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupons; d) ex-right; x) prutot per one Dollar.

This change follows the re-establishment of the gold market in London.

Commodities

THE principal feature of the dealings on the London metal exchange during the week has been the sensitivity of the tin market. After a rise to £761 per ton, the price of this metal dropped to £727. Turnover was good. Rubber was dearer and moved higher during the week. Cocoa was firmer too. Reuters UK Commodity Index was 492.6 against 492.1, in comparison with 489.2 a month ago and 492.7 a year ago. (Base: Sept. 18, 1931 — 100).

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MORE PRIVATE CARS

DURING 1953, 1,000 more private cars were added to the country's fleet, and by the end of January last they stood at 12,284, almost double the total at the end of 1949, latest statistics reveal. Motorcycles now number about 10,000, an increase of over 600 this year.

There was also a further rise in the number of taxi cabs, which by now has reached 2,300, also more than double the 1949 figure. The volume of passengers carried by inter-urban taxi-services rose in 1953 by 32 per cent, despite the fact that traffic on the Tel Aviv-Haifa and Jerusalem-Haifa routes did not increase. Taxi services expanded in other directions, particularly in the south.

While taxi services carried 1.9 million interurban passengers last year, the railway carried 2.4 million, a rise of 11 percent over the 1952 figure. The length of the average railway journey was 70 km.

Figures of Industrial Progress

WHILE the average indices of industrial activity (mandays worked and workers employed) are approximately at the same level as a year ago, there have been many changes in the output of the various industries, it is shown by recent statistics.

Since the Ramle plant started work in October, cement is now produced at the rate of 47,000 tons per month, as against 32,000 tons in the first quarter of 1953. The total output of cement in 1953 was 465,000 tons, of which 73,000 tons were exported. This year, the output of the existing plants should be about 550,000 tons, and together with the Shimshon factory scheduled to start production shortly, the total may reach 700,000 tons (as compared with 439,000 tons in 1952). This would leave at least 300,000 tons for export, yielding a foreign revenue exceeding $5m.

Plate glass production doubled in 1953, reaching 1.6m. square metres, and it is likely to retain this level in the current year. Glass exports were about 204,000 square metres, worth $100,000. This year 500,000 sq. m. have been ordered by Turkish importers. The net proceeds are expected to be $175,000.

In the sale of plywood, foreign markets account for a much larger share. The output of the three existing factories rose from 7,600 cu. metres in 1952 to 10,700, of which about 60 per cent were exported last year. With the shrinking of local demand and the establishment of trade connections abroad this proportion recently tended to increase, and in March, 715 cu. metres were exported as compared with only 400 sold locally. The present output, however, is much below the productive capacity of the existing plants.

The output of silicate bricks in 1953 was somewhat lower than in recent months, it regained previous levels, as demand for bricks rose as a result of higher cement prices. The production of nails and rivets, which dropped at the beginning of 1953 recently ran at a level double that of 1952.

Large strides were made by our chemical industry in 1953. The output of sulphuric acid (at Chemicals and Fertilizers) was almost 3,300 tons in January, (950 tons in January 1953), 6,800 tons of superphosphates were produced (2,635 tons).

The increased production of the ceramic industry is evidenced by the higher output of ball and fire clay, which averaged 550 tons in recent months as against 110 tons a year ago. The output of quartz sand, which serves as raw material for glass production rose by 10 per cent in 1953, but it runs very irregularly.

Other important examples of industries which increased production in 1953 are cited below.

On the other hand, the output of citrus squashes and juices dropped in 1953 to 11.3m. litres as compared with 18.1m. in 1952. The production of canned fruits, and preserved and pickled vegetables was approximately the same as in the preceding year, though several changes occurred in the break-down.

In the industries producing food for local consumption signs of falling purchasing power are noticeable. The output of cigarettes and cigars in 1953 was at the same level as in 1952, though lately some drop has been discernible in cigars. The production of toilet soap ran behind last year's figures. On the other hand, the output of both laundry soap and detergents rose considerably. Biscuits and sweets also have been produced in larger quantities, while the output of beer declined because of less demand.

Output	January 1953	January 1954
Motor cars	72	356
Tires	8,033	12,088
Electric bulbs	27,658	193,506

CREDITS STILL RISING

DESPITE the official ruling to keep bank credits at the level they attained at the end of November 1953, the overall volume of credits is rising, it is revealed by the summaries of bank accounts for the end of February last. Over the three months, the figure increased from IL.221.5m. to IL.236.5m, i.e. by 7 per cent, out of which 3.2 per cent (IL.7m.) were added during January-February.

This time, however, the bulk of the new credits was long-term — a year and more. These loans reached IL.28.8m. by the end of February as against IL.23.4m. at the end of December. It may be assumed that a considerable part was extended to agriculture.

Short-term bank credits, for periods up to one year, rose by IL.1.5m. in November to a high of IL.122.8m., but declined afterwards by IL.2m. Loans from Government deposits rose by only IL.0.6m. in January-February. Credits on third party accounts were stable, after a spectacular rise to over IL.10m. in December. Bills discounted on the other hand declined in December, but afterwards rose almost to their November level (IL.22m.). There was also a rising trend in loans to "banks, subsidiary companies and co-operative credit societies."

These latter also increased their loans over the months November — January by 4.1 per cent (to IL.48.9m.) and here, too, the increase was due to long-term loans. While credits for over two years rose by IL.1.85m. (23 per cent), shorter term credits did not advance very considerably.

Deposits rose over the said period as well in banks by 2½ per cent (January-February) and in cooperative societies by 4 per cent (December-January).

Tiberias' Facilities Wasted

By Our Economic Correspondent

FOR years it has been taken for granted that Tiberias would become the spa. All the prerequisites for a prosperous and attractive health resort were there: mild winters, famed hot springs, picturesque landscape, and a large lake to be enjoyed by people seeking a few weeks of rest as well as sports, such as boating, fishing, swimming and water-skiing. Those interested in learning something of the new Israel could find agricultural settlements around the lake and in Galilee. For a few years all the hotels and pensions were crowded, and visitors paid the prices asked.

This year the tide has turned. With the exception of the Galei Kinneret Hotel which maintains a standard of its own and has a clientele which returns every year to its favoured spot, the hotel-keepers learned to their cost that with rationing abolished and money tighter the golden days were over. At the beginning of the season, bookings were slow, and even as the winter wore on and people all over the country were reminded by their aching joints that the time had come to visit Tiberias for a spot of treatment in the hot springs, the stream of visitors remained thin. It has remained so ever since, with the exception of a few weeks around Pessah. And since there were no special reasons to make this season unsuccessful, it is likely to be no exception but the beginning of a bad spell.

It is difficult to build a health resort if the general population of the place does not understand what is required of them. If enterprise had entered Tiberias on a large scale and tried to train people for the tourist industry, a good job might have been done. The upper part of the town, it is true, has taken on a spruce appearance, but the lower town and the *mabarot* still need working on. In the hot springs the big new buildings, which would have made the hot baths more comfortable and attractive, have not been finished and there is no opportunity for water sports.

Communications are erratic. One may wait for a long time for the bus into upper town and this is not very agreeable for visitors who come from hot baths in the springs and are tired and irritable. Those VIP's who come in their own cars know nothing of their difficulties and this might expand the curious fact that pressure to mend things is not as strong as it could be.

Natural attractions and hot springs are economic assets of the first order. People from all over the country would come to Tiberias if they thought it worth while. And visitors from overseas who see the quaint town for the first time might be moved to come for longer second visits if they had more opportunities to enjoy the natural advantages in a more attractive setting.

The municipality has decided to mend matters and to clear the rubble around the ruins as a first step. This is a good plan, as this area is not only an eyesore but probably a danger to public health. But this is not enough. It should be possible to draw enterprise to Tiberias by granting concessions, and by organizing local people to beautify the town. Better management should make it possible to lower prices, at a time when visitors cannot afford to spend hundreds of pounds on a holiday.

There are other places in the country which have demonstrated how a health resort should be developed. Nahariya, for instance, does not have the natural facilities which Tiberias possesses.

EASING OF TURKISH LICENCES EXPECTED

THE strictness of Turkish authorities in selecting import licences for Israel goods will be relaxed shortly, it was predicted by Mr. M. Gali, the commercial attache at Istanbul.

Stocks of goods ordered by Turkish importers and ready for despatch in this country have been estimated at $1m. Only a small percentage of this has been granted import licences during the last month, after an agreement on resumption of trade with Israel had been reached with the Turkish Government.

Company Reports

Mizrahi Bank Increases Capital

THE increased sale of shares to the customers of the bank during the past business year prompted the management to raise the authorized share capital from IL.500,000 to IL.600,000. Paid-up capital was IL.358,000 at the beginning of the current year (as compared with IL.287,000 a year ago) and now tops IL.400,000. In 1953 deposits rose only from IL.1.8m. to IL.1.8m., and half of the increase was Government deposits linked to special loans. At present all deposit accounts are over IL.1.9m.

Credits outstanding did not expand in comparison with those of other banks either. Loans and advances were IL.670,000 at the end of 1953 as compared with IL.642,000 a year ago, but bills discounted rose from IL.476,000 to IL.665,000. Guarantees and obligations were IL.230,000 (IL.-180,000).

The bank's subsidiary development company has sold a large part of its assets and is no longer active.

The dividend of 5 per cent for the ordinary shares and 6 for the preferred will be maintained this year.

Ellern's Capital

THE paid-up capital of Ellern Investment Corporation, a subsidiary of Ellern's Bank established two years ago, increased in 1953 by IL.49,000 to IL.202,000, with capital reserves at IL.16,000, of which IL.9,000 were used for distributing bonus shares and writing off preliminary expenses. Investments in shares and bonds stood (end of December last) at IL.206,000, with an aggregate market value of IL.318,000.

The main items of the investments vere Tavei dollar ($105,-000), Palestine Electric ordinary shares (£20,000) and Moller-Dee Textile Corporation shares (IL.-52,000). Profits for the past year amounted to IL.11,800, while expenses inciuding management fees paid to Ellern's Bank, were IL.3,000.

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IRRIGATION easily enjoys pride of place among development activities carried out in this country, not only quantitatively but also because it is the precondition for intensive settlement and for increasing local food production. Without an ample supply of water the wide empty stretches within our borders cannot be populated, nor can Israel proceed towards attaining more independence from foreign aid. If the water is available — and its costs not too high — there is reasonable prospect that before long agriculture will expand, absorbing thousands of new farmers and pouring out products for home consumption and for export. No wonder, therefore, that irrigation and water supply have been allotted almost one fifth of all foreign currency and over a quarter of all local investment scheduled for the near future.

IRRIGATION AUTHORITY

These investments are of special importance from another point of view: they are necessarily long-term, even more than power projects. It takes years to complete the research, planning, engineering and putting into use of major water works. On the other hand, demand for water increases by leaps and bounds, while supply from local municipal works, dependent upon tapping underground resources, cannot be increased further. The yield of these resources is even likely to decline over the next few years from the present high of 450m. cu. metres per annum to 375m. in 1960.

The additional water is to be supplied by the big regional works undertaken by the Mekorot company, utilizing mainly the flow of rivers, reclaimed sewage, unexploited groundwater and spring flow surpluses; and by the Jordan diversion scheme entrusted to the Tahal company. These big projects are really setting the pace of economic progress and their proper timing and interconnection are palpably of vital importance.

Whether this is assured is, however, not yet clear, at any rate not to the general public. To be sure, a competent and detailed long-term development plan has been drawn up, but it has never been presented for discussion nor are all its details settled. The high costs and alleged extravagance of some of its items have evoked critical comment in expert quarters, while the practicability of its financial provisions is open to question.

The plan, published some months ago, specifies an investment averaging IL.80m. for each of the three years, 1954,55,56. This amounts to about one half of the entire current Development Budget and exceeds total investments in irrigation and agriculture in 1953.

Is this tremendous scale of investments really necessary? It may be so in order to achieve the goal of supplying a total of 1,725m. cu. metres in 1960, of which 1,300m. cu. metres could be used for the irrigation of 1.85m. dunams as provided in the agricultural development plan: but if the latter is not on schedule, the water projects might well be modified.

Should agriculture require only 1,150m. cu. metres of water in 1960, we would then need neither the diversion of the Jordan nor the flood-water storage reservoirs, which make up a full third of the total investment projected, and these projects could be postponed accordingly. If we can slow up on the work, we will also derive the advantages of further experience and factual information.

Such a course may or may not be advisable, but for the time being it is not even clear who is authorized to decide in this controversial matter. The Treasury, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Jewish Agency and the Mekorot and Tahal companies, all have a say in this field, and the delimitations of responsibilities seems to be unclear and makeshift. This state of affairs is already having undesirable repercussions and should not be tolerated any longer. For nowhere is a clear policy and a unified command more urgently needed than in water development.

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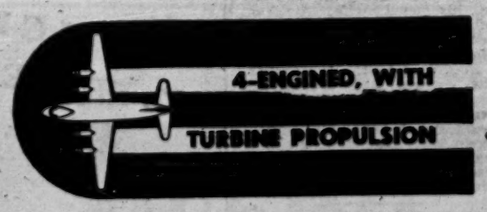

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